

**In the Specification**

Please amend page 1, line 2, by inserting the following sentence and heading:

-- This application is a continuation of international application number  
PCT/NO02/00321 filed September 12, 2002 which claims priority to Great Britain  
Application 0122049.0 filed September 12, 2001, the entire disclosure of which is hereby  
incorporated by reference.

**Field of Invention--**

Please insert the following heading before the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 8:

**--Background of the Invention--**

Please insert the following heading before the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 18:

**--Summary of the Invention--**

Please insert the following paragraphs and headings before the paragraph beginning at  
page 4, line 23:

--The present invention further provides a method of magnetic resonance imaging  
of a sample. The method includes the steps of:

- i) administering a hyperpolarised MR imaging agent comprising non-zero nuclear  
spin nuclei into the sample;
- ii) exposing the sample to a radiation at a frequency selected to excite nuclear spin  
transitions in the non-zero nuclear spin nuclei;